

- b) The Power Of Cooperation
- c) How To Be More Effective As An Agent Of Healing
 - i. Start your own Life's Healing Choices group
 - ii. Volunteer to be a facilitator in someone else's Life's Healing Choices group
 - iii. Host a group, and let us find you a facilitator
 - H – have a Heart for people, care for people
 - O – Open your home, and give them a place to meet.
 - S – Serve them some coffee or another refreshment.
 - T – Turn on the DVD.

7. Sacrifice: They Were Willing To Pay For The Roof!

- a) Who Will Pay For Their Healing?
 - There's always a cost to bringing someone to faith or healing.
- b) What Price Are You Willing To Pay?
- c) Sacrifice For Eternal Things
 - Luke 16:9, NIV – *“Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”*
- d) Partnership Requires Sacrifice
 - 1 Corinthians 3:9, NLT – *“We work together as partners who belong to God.”*
 - When you stop sacrificing, you stop living.
- e) Sacrifice Brings Joy
 - The greatest joy in life comes out of the greatest sacrifices of life.

SUMMARY

- The characteristics of a healing church:
 - Compassion – faith – action – persistence – innovation – cooperation – sacrifice

1. An Individual Choice – To Be Healed

2. A Group Choice – To Work Together To Heal Others

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Part 4 – The Healing Church – Part 2

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REVIEW

- Steps To Maturity:
 - Salvation, healing, equipping, activation, and release
- SHEAR FORCE (physics) is an internal force in an object, caused by an external force acting perpendicular to the object, which tends to cause the material to change shape.

GOD WANTS TO HEAL

- Psalm 147:3, NIV – *“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”*
- God's will becomes our responsibility, because He chooses to work through us

THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC MAN:

- Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26,
- Mark 2:1-12, NIV – *(1) A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. (2) So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. (3) Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. (4) Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. (5) When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “[Be encouraged], Son, your sins are forgiven.” ... (10) ... He said to the paralytic, (11) “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” (12) He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”*

LESSONS FROM THE PARALYTIC'S PERSPECTIVE

1. How Jesus Heals People

- a) He calms my fears (encourages me)
- b) He confronts my faults and my failures (gets to the root issue)
- c) He challenges my faith (to do something new to receive healing)

2. How We Receive Healing From Jesus

- a) I must admit that I need help
- b) I must trust Christ to help me
- c) I must do what He tells me to do

LESSONS FROM THE FRIEND'S PERSPECTIVE

1. Compassion: They Cared For A Hurting Friend

- a) The Proof Of Love Is Care
- b) The Proof Of Care Is Knowledge Of Needs
- c) If I Care, I'll Be Aware!
 - Romans 15:2, GW – “We should all be concerned about our neighbor and the good things that will build his faith.”
 - 1 Corinthians 10:24, GW – “People should be concerned about others and not just about themselves.”
- d) How Do I Show Concern?
 - i. I Tear Up – I Have Honest Compassion
 - ii. I Show Up – I Go To Them
 - iii. I Step Up – I Do Whatever I Can

2. Faith: They Believed That Jesus Would Heal Their Friend

- a) Use Your Faith For Others
 - Luke 5:20, NIV – “When Jesus saw their faith, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’”
 - Romans 1:12, NCV – “I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.”
- b) My Encouragement Strengthens You!
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11, NCV – “So encourage each other and give each other strength.”

3. Action: They Didn't Just Pray – They Took Action

- a) Sincere Prayer Leads To Action
- b) What Will You Do For Your Paralyzed Friend?

- Matthew 9:2, NCV – “They brought to Jesus a man who was paralyzed and lying on a mat.”

- c) Pray – And Then Act!

- Luke 14:23, KJV – “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”

4. Persistence: They Didn't Let Difficulties Discourage Them

- a) Healing Always Involves Overcoming Obstacles
- b) With Others, You Can Persevere!
 - Galatians 6:9, LB – “Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.”
- c) God Is Persistent, We Need To Be Persistent
 - 2 Peter 3:9, CEV – “... God is patient [persistent, persevering], because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.”
- d) Who Is God Asking You To Persist With?

5. Innovation: They Dared To Do Something Different

- a) Will You Go Through The Roof For Someone?
 - Luke 5:19, MSG – “When they couldn't find a way in because off the crowd, they went up on the roof, removed some tiles, and let him down in the middle of everyone, right in front of Jesus.”
 - Hebrews 10:24, MSB – “Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out.”
- b) Be Creative!

- Innovation – working creatively together to minister to others

6. Cooperation: They Worked Together On Their Friend's Behalf

- a) This Healing Required Four Men
 - Luke 5:19, NCV – “... they went up on the roof and lowered the man on his mat through the ceiling into the middle of the crowd.”